

Amendments to the Claims:**DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 to 15: Original

16.(Currently amended) A photodetector means according to claim [[1]] 15, wherein the metal silicide is selected from the group consisting of platinum-based silicides, palladium-based silicides, erbium-based silicides, iridium-based silicides, cobalt-based silicides, titanium-based silicides and nickel-based silicides.

Claims 17 to 30: Original